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SUBJECT: LEWIS BERGER SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. ON DECEMBER 12, DR. LEWIS BERGER, PRESIDENT OF LEWIS BERGER, INC. OF EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, A MAJOR UNITED STATES ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING FIRM, SIGNED A SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. AGREEMENT CONCENTRATES ON POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN DESIGN OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH COMMATT PRIOR TO SIGNING OF AGREEMENT, BERGER ADVISED THAT SOVIETS APPEAR QUITE INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OF ENGAGING LEWIS BERGER, INC. TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT NEW MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. FOR THIS PURPOSE, LEWIS BERGER, INC. HAS FORMED CONSORTIUM WITH ANOTHER U.S. ENGINEERING FIRM (TAMS, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENTLY-OPENED DALLAS/FORT WORTH AIRPORT). SOVIETS HAVE ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR AIRPORT IN SIBERIA PRIMARILY FOR AIR FREIGHT AND SEVERAL MAJOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS (INCLUDING REBUILDING OF VOLOKOLAMSKOYE SHOSSE FROM INTERSECTION WITH LENINGRADSKIY PROSPEKT TO AREA OF PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT).

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NATIONAL AIRPORT).

3. BERGER ALSO ADVISED THAT SOVIETS HAVE RAISED POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL "AERONAUTICAL PROJECTS" WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH SPACE PROGRAM. COMMATT SUGGESTED THAT BERGER DISCUSS THESE PROPOSALS WITH STATE AND COMMERCE BEFORE GOING FURTHER IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS. BERGER WILL CONTACT KOVNER, WRIGHT AND MEYER FOR APPOINTMENTS DECEMBER 16.
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